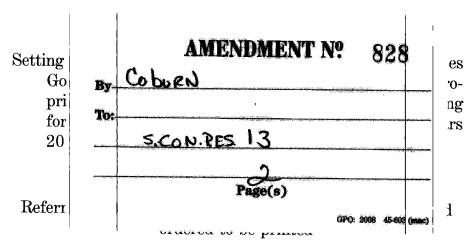
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## Viz:

- On page 31, strike lines 3 through 7 and insert the following: "cans;

  (8) maintain long-term fiscal sustainability and pays for itself by reducing health care cost growth, improving productivity, or dedicating additional sources of revenue; or
- 7 (9)(A) subject to subparagraph (B), protect the 8 freedom of conscience for patients and the right of

1	health care providers to serve patients without vio-
2	lating their moral and religious convictions, which
3	includes, but is not limited to, prohibiting—
4	(i) discrimination on the basis of a pro-
5	vider's objection to perform or participate in
6	specific surgical or medical procedures or pre-
7	scribe certain pharmaceuticals;
8	(ii) legal coercion against a provider who
9	expresses a conscience objection to perform or
10	participate in specific surgical or medical proce-
11	dures or prescribe certain pharmaceuticals; and
12	(iii) government coercion of patients to en-
13	roll in specific health insurance plans or see
14	pre-selected health care providers; and
15	(B) require the principles described in subpara-
16	graph (A) shall not be construed to authorize or
17	shield from liability the denial, on the basis of a pa-
18	tient's race or present or predicted disability, of a
19	surgical or medical procedure or pharmaceutical that
20	a provider offers to others;".